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SUBJECT: PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS BY CHILEAN AMBASSADOR

1. CHILEAN AMBASSADOR JOSE MIGUEL BARROS PRESENTED CREDENTIALS TO PRESIDENT CARTER AT 11:30 AM JUNE 5. COPIES OF HIS REMARKS IN ENGLISH AND SPANISH HAVE BEEN POUCHED TO YOU FOR YOUR INFORMATION. PRESIDENT CARTER'S FORMAL REMARKS FOLLOW. AS IS CUSTOMARY, THE REMARKS WERE NOT ACTUALLY SPOKEN BUT WERE EXCHANGED IN WRITTEN FORM.

2. MR. AMBASSADOR:

IT IS WITH PLEASURE THAT I ACCEPT THE LETTER FROM PRESIDENT PINOCHET ACCREDITING YOU AS AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHILE. I ALSO ACCEPT THE LETTER OF RECALL OF YOUR DISTINGUISHED PREDECESSOR, AMBASSADOR CAUAS.

I WELCOME YOU BACK TO THE CITY WHERE YOU BEGAN YOUR CAREER AS A DIPLOMAT IN THE SERVICE OF YOUR COUNTRY.
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YOU RETURN AT A PERIOD IN OUR RELATIONS WHICH IS BOTH DIFFICULT AND PROMISING, TO CARRY OUT A MISSION ON BEHALF OF YOUR GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE FOR WHICH I AM

SURE YOUR DISTINGUISHED CAREER HAS WELL PREPARED YOU. I HAVE NOTED YOUR PARTICULAR DEDICATION TO THE STUDY OF THE LAW AND TO THE APPLICATION OF THE PRINCIPLES OF LAW TO THE

RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES BETWEEN NATIONS. YOU HAVE SERVED YOUR COUNTRY WELL IN THIS RESPECT, AND I AM PLEASED THAT YOU BRING THIS KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE TO US AT A TIME WHEN THE MOST URGENT CONSIDERATION IN OUR RELATIONS IS TO FIND WAYS IN WHICH TO APPLY THE GREAT AND FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF LAW AND OF RESPECT FOR EACH OTHER'S SOVEREIGNTY TO QUESTIONS WHICH AROUSE EMOTIONAL AND STRONGLY HELD CONVICTIONS IN BOTH GOVERNMENTS AND PEOPLES.

I, AND I SINCERELY BELIEVE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, HOLD THE CONVICTION THAT WE CAN PROGRESS AS PEOPLES AND AS NATIONS ONLY WHEN THE FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS OF EVERY MAN AND WOMAN ARE RESPECTED BY GOVERNMENTS AND WHEN SOCIETIES ARE SO ORGANIZED THAT TRUE SOVEREIGNTY LIES WITH THE PEOPLE. THIS HAS BEEN THE PROUD TRADITION OF BOTH THE UNITED STATES AND CHILE SINCE OUR INDEPENDENCE, AND I BELIEVE IT REMAINS SO TODAY. BOTH OF OUR COUNTRIES HAVE EXPERIENCED STRESS AND TUMULT IN RECENT YEARS, AND IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US THEREFORE TO COMPREHEND EACH OTHER'S PROBLEMS AND TO SYMPATHIZE WITH EACH OTHER'S EFFORTS TO PRESERVE THESE FUNDAMENTAL VALUES.

AMERICANS HAVE WATCHED THE RECENT TRAGIC EXPERIENCES OF THE CHILEAN NATION WITH THE INTEREST AND THE ANGUISHED CONCERN WHICH THEY FEEL FOR THE STRUGGLES OF THOSE NATIONS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE DEMOCRATIC FAMILY. IT IS CERTAIN
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THAT THE INTEREST WILL CONTINUE, AND I BELIEVE IT WILL HELP THE CHILEAN PEOPLE TO KNOW THAT IT DOES.

THE BEGINNING OF YOUR MISSION HERE IN WASHINGTON COULD COINCIDE BY HAPPY CIRCUMSTANCE WITH THE BEGINNING OF A PERIOD IN WHICH DEVELOPMENTS WILL PERMIT US TO FULLY RESTORE AND REAFFIRM THE VERY WARM AND CLOSE RELATIONS WHICH WE WISH TO HAVE WITH CHILE. I AND THE OFFICIALS OF THIS GOVERNMENT WILL WORK CLOSELY WITH YOU TO INCREASE OUR MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND PROMOTE OUR SHARED INTERESTS.

MR. AMBASSADOR, I THANK YOU FOR YOUR EXPRESSIONS OF GOODWILL AND FOR THE PROMISE YOU HAVE MADE TO EXERCISE THE GREATEST POSSIBLE DILIGENCE AND DIPLOMATIC SKILL IN THE CONDUCT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. IN THIS SPIRIT, THE TRADITIONAL FRIENDSHIP AND RESPECT OF OUR PEOPLES CAN ONLY INCREASE. I HOPE YOU WILL CONVEY MY GREETING TO PRESIDENT PINOCHET WITH OUR MOST SINCERE WISHES FOR THE WELFARE AND PROGRESS OF THE CHILEAN PEOPLE.

O YOU, MR. AMBASSADOR, I OFFER MY CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ASSIGNMENT AND MY BEST WISHES FOR SUCCESS IN YOUR MISSION.

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